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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **Hydrogen Bus Maintenance and Training Hub** in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the **County of Hawai'i**, located at **25 Aupuni Street, Suite 1301, Hilo, Hawai'i 96720**.

The project would build a zero-emissions bus maintenance facility to support a fleet of battery electric and fuel cell electric buses. This valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will facilitate the transition of Hawai'i Island's bus transportation fleet to an all-battery electric and fuel cell electric fleet. In addition to the practical climate and health improvements, the project would increase the resiliency of the island's bus fleet by developing a second service and maintenance facility on the 4000-square-mile island, which could result in long-term taxpayer savings.

The project has a Federal nexus because it is consistent with the purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. §5305(a)(2).

Lastly, I certify that neither I nor anyone in my immediate family have a financial interest in this project.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Jill Tokuda
Member of Congress